Corporation Limited and Joint Action Committee, Howrah regarding employees of Prototype Development and Training Centre, Balitikuri, Howrah for exemption under Section 90 of the ESI Act, 1948; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the contents of the said Memorandum?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand for exemption has been considered in consultation with the ESI Corporation. It has not been found possible to accept the request of the establishment for grant of exemption, as the benefits provided to its employees have been found inferior to benefits available under the ESI Act.

3242. [*Transferred to the 20th December, 1991*]

Improving working conditions of Tendu Leaf workers

3243. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to cover the Tendu leaf plucking labourers throughout the country under the Plantations Labourers Act by suitably amending the Act so that the Tendu leaf plucking labourers could get all the benefits available to plantation labourers; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and how Government propose to improve the working conditions of Tendu leaf plucking workers in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The working conditions of Tendu leaf plucking workers are quite different from those of Plantations workers. It is, therefor, not possible to bring Tendu leaf Plucking workers under the provisions of the Plantations Labour Act, 1951.

ITIs in the Rural Areas of U.P.

3244. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of I.T.Is. operating in Azamgarh, Mau, Gazipur, Jaunpur and Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the names of places where they are located;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to set up more Industrial Training Institutes in the rural areas of Azamgarh, Mau, Gazipur, Jaunpur and Sultanpur of Uttar Pradesh 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) The details of the ITIs operating in Azamgarh, Mau, Gazipur, Jaunpur and Sultanpur are as follow:

Azamgarh	2
Mau	1
Gazipur	1
Jaunpur	1
Sultanpur	4
Total :	9 ITIs

(b) As per statement attached. (See below)

(c) and (d) Information made available by Government of Uttar Pradesh indicates that Budget provision has been made to open one ITI at Banda in Sultanpur District during 1991-92.